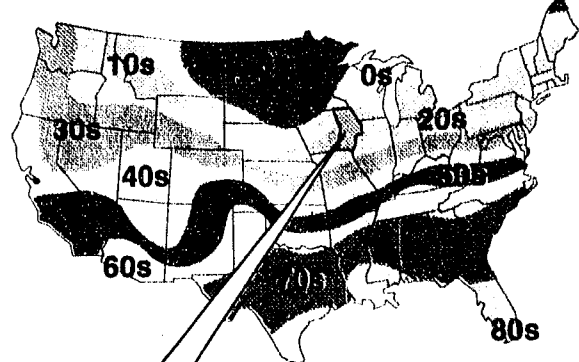


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Kara's Krunchie Kookies

C.R. father-daughter cooking team wins

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BRIEFLY

Houston triumphs

7 American Music trophies

Whitney Houston swept the 21st annual American Music Awards last night with seven honors. Details on page 3A.

Links hazards

Course bosses face risks

A University of Iowa study reveals a higher-than-average percentage of some cancers among golf course superintendents. Details on page 8A.

McLeod Academy

Different kind of school

At McLeod Academy in Marion, thought to be Iowa's only for-profit school, age-based grades don't exist and students can choose a 180-day school year or attend for up to 232 days. Details on page 1B.

Hot rhetoric

Branstad, Grandy fire away

Rep. Fred Grandy last night promised a new offensive aimed at Gov. Terry Branstad, who called his challenger "desperate." Details on page 3B.

UNI rips Bradley

Gaining on league leader

The UNI men's basketball team beat Missouri Valley Conference leader Bradley by 20 points last night to pull within a game of the league lead. Details on page 1D.

Moore jobs

Iowa City plant to add 129

Moore Business Forms' Iowa City operation, recently designated one of three hub plants, will add 129 jobs over the next 15 months. Details on page 5D.

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TOMORROW

'Mental wages'

Benefit of volunteer career

The Junior League has been Janet Wray's "career" for 57 years. The Cedar Rapids woman has found the "mental wages" of being a volunteer very satisfying. Neighbors in Wednesday's Gazette.

\$4.7 billion in farm cuts

Clinton's budget sees a good year; farmers skeptical

From Gazette staff reports and the Associated Press
Farmers who expect help when disaster strikes would have to get crop insurance rather than count on Congress to bail them out under the Agriculture Department's new budget.

The \$60.3 billion budget for 1995, which is 7 percent below this year's, would spare core farm programs. It assumes that normal weather, improved trade and earlier program cuts will cause a \$3.6 billion drop in spending for subsidies and other mandatory payments to farmers.

An additional \$1.1 billion in savings would be found through reorganization, new user fees and miscellaneous

■ Budget expected to clear Congress relatively intact, 6A

cuts, for a total reduction of about \$4.7 billion from 1994.

Not everyone agreed with the budget's optimistic assumptions.

"If they've got it figured out that we're going to have a good year, then they ought to get out here on the farm because there's a lot of us out here that don't know that," said David Machacek, Linn County Farm Bureau president and farmer of 1,300 acres near Alburnett.

The budget proposes cuts in what Congress can spend for prized research or projects in their states, such as maples in Vermont, and biotechnology laboratories at universities.

It calls for user fees for meat and poultry inspection,

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Children among budget winners

WASHINGTON (AP) — Poor children would get better meals and a head start in school. More homeless people would get a helping hand. But some defense workers could lose their jobs. And smokers would be left fuming.

Within the dry tome that is the president's budget — column after column of small, black and white print — are the numbers that can change the lives of many Americans.

Hikers would pay more to enter National Parks; some laid-off workers would qualify for new job-training programs. Ranchers would pay more to use public grazing lands; more poor children would get the vaccines they need.

Much of the savings would come from eliminating 115 programs.

So the proposed budget is bad news for people who work at the weather station in Samoa, scheduled for elimination, or who depend on cottonseed oil export subsidies,

study the zebra mussel or plant or enjoy new trees in state and city parks.

Generally, taxpayers can breathe easy: Unlike the 1994 budget, signed by the president in August, the new proposal contains no major changes in income taxes.

But that may be little comfort to smokers. Clinton wants to quadruple the federal tax on cigarettes, to 99 cents per pack. The money would be used to pay for health care reform.

The expense could drive some to quit and cost jobs in the tobacco industry.

They aren't the only ones worried about their livelihoods. Military cuts will take their toll on some, like workers in Fort Worth, Texas, who make the Air Force's F-16 fighter jet. No more of the planes are ordered in the 1995 budget.

And gun hobbyists who make extra money selling guns may no longer be able to afford dealer's licenses. Clinton wants to raise the fee from \$200 for three years to \$600 for one.

All that's left



Gazette photo by Todd McInturf

Garrison firefighter Brett Meyers tosses aside debris as he prepares to spray hot spots Monday morning at what remains of the Berger residence in Garrison. Eyewitnesses said Rodney Berger and his mother, Rachel, ran out of the house in their sleeping clothes without shoes to escape injury. The Bergers lost all their belongings, including several hundred dollars from recently cashed disability checks. There is a fund set up for the Bergers at the Hawkeye Bank in Garrison. Story on page 1B.

C.R. tops Iowa population increases; Iowa City falls

By Dale Kueter
Gazette staff writer

Cedar Rapids led the state in numerical population growth from 1990 to 1992, while Iowa City — the state's fastest growing city in the 1980s — lost population, according to new Census Bureau data.

The bureau estimates Cedar Rapids' 1992 population at 111,659, up 2,908 from the official 1990 census of 108,751.

Iowa City's population is now estimated at 59,313, down 425 from 1990. In the same period, enrollment at the University of Iowa dropped from 27,082 to 26,105.

Meanwhile, Coralville, North Liberty and Solon showed significant population gains. Solon's estimated growth rate was second highest in Iowa at 24.4 percent. Solon's population is now put at 1,307, up 257.

North Liberty grew 15.8 percent to 3,391, up 465. Coralville's growth rate in the two years was 12.6 percent, rising 1,308 to 11,655.

Most Cedar Rapids suburbs also

■ Las Vegas is fastest-growing U.S. city, 2A

showed good growth. Marion grew by 866 people from 1990 to 1992 — to 21,269. Robins is up 15 percent, a rise of 132 to 1,007. However, Hiawatha, the Census Bureau says, grew a mere half a percent in two years — up 22 people to 5,008.

Lisbon showed excellent growth, according to the new estimates — up 6.9 percent. Its population is estimated at 1,552, up 100. Mount Vernon grew by only 21 people, to 3,678.

But Beth Henning, Iowa's liaison to the Census Bureau, cautions that the numbers are just estimates and shouldn't be taken as exact population figures.

For 60 incorporated areas in Iowa, the figures are based on incorrect census counts in 1990 that have since

■ Please turn to page 7A: Population

IOWA POPULATION CHANGES 1990-92

GAINS	
Cedar Rapids	+2,908
West Des Moines	+2,669
Urbandale	+2,509
Davenport	+2,175
Bettendorf	+1,451
Sioux City	+1,402
Des Moines	+1,353
Coralville	+1,308
Ankeny	+1,093
Dubuque	+1,029

LOSSES	
Ames	-526
Marshalltown	-440
Iowa City	-425
Creston	-178
Lamoni	-151
Red Oak	-143
Shenandoah	-134
Iowa Falls	-130
Mount Airy	-111
Fort Dodge	-110
Grinnell	-108

Source: Census Bureau
Gazette graphic

Shooting victim stabbed Jan. 6, snubbed police

Witness heard 'Oh no, no' before the fatal gunshot

By Rick Smith
Gazette staff writer

Any risks Louis H. Chambers Jr. faced on the streets of Cedar Rapids he apparently felt he could handle without the police.

He was wrong.

The 32-year-old Waterloo man, who was stabbed Jan. 6 but refused to cooperate then with Cedar Rapids police investigators, was gunned down in the pre-dawn cold Monday on Cedar Rapids' southeast side.

Chambers died by mid-afternoon from damage done by a single shot to the belly.

A witness a half a block from the shooting heard Chambers' early-morning plea as it echoed down a deserted Fifth Avenue SE.

"Oh no, no," the witness said Chambers begged. Then one bang of gunfire rang out, the witness said.

A car that had been stopped in the 1400 block of Fifth Avenue SE instantly vanished. A man, left standing over the wounded Chambers, looked at the witness up the block and then fled on foot, the witness said.

The witness summoned police and moved in for a closer look.

Chambers was lying silent and on his side on the sidewalk almost in front of 1438 Fifth Ave. SE. Arriving rescue workers immediately administered oxygen and quickly bandaged the wounded man's stomach before an ambulance took him to Mercy Medical Center, the witness said.

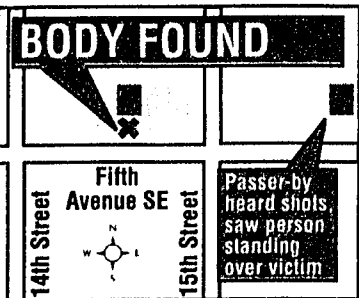
Police said Chambers' chances for survival never stood much beyond slim.

Police were saying little about who Chambers was or what might have led to his murder.

Detective Capt. Terry Moyle said Chambers was from Waterloo but from time to time traveled to and from Cedar Rapids. Apparently he had stayed in a Cedar Rapids motel with a friend earlier Sunday night, and was known to



Louis Chambers
Gunned down in C.R.



Gazette map

MOST POPULAR NAMES FOR BABIES IN 1992

Jacob	534	Ashley	413
Tyler	513	Jessica	364
Zachary	485	Megan	359
Michael	477	Brittany	349
Nicholas	432	Sarah	345
Matthew	411	Emily	339
Cody	374	Kelsey	308
Andrew	371	Amanda	256
Joshua	336	Rachel	254
Brandon	327	Nicole	250

Source: Iowa Dept. of Public Health
Gazette graphic by Kristin Erztzinger

Jacob, Ashley lead name choices

By Rod Boshart

Gazette Des Moines Bureau
DES MOINES — Kindergarten teachers may find the names Jacob and Ashley common in their classrooms in a few years, according to a state report.

Among boys, Jacob edged out Tyler and, for girls, Ashley outdistanced Jessica as the most popular names chosen for babies born to Iowa parents in 1992. There were 534 Jacobs and 413 Ashley's born that year, compared to 513

Tylers and 364 Jessicas.

That according to the latest vital statistics booklet issued by the Iowa Department of Public Health (DPH). The document is a veritable treasure of trivia, selected records and quirky facts. For example:

• The oldest male divorcee was 86 years old while the youngest was 18. Conversely, the oldest female divorcee was 89 years old while the youngest was 16.

• The day that the most of Iowa's 38,459 births occurred in 1992 was

Dec. 18 with 144 babies born. Conversely, Christmas Day one week later had the fewest births of any day that year with 51.

• The smallest live birth involved a baby weighing three ounces, while the largest baby born in 1992 weighed in at 13 pounds, three ounces.

• How old was the oldest mother who gave birth to a child that year? 50. The oldest man to father a child? 70.



Farm: Budget gives big boost to rural development

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and it increases the wetlands reserve from the current 75,000 acres to about 300,000 acres.

Rural development would get a big boost. The department wants to make available \$6.9 billion worth of loans and grants, a 35 percent increase, for housing, water and sewer development, and industrial development.

About 30,000 new housing units would be built.

As usual, the biggest chunk of spending, \$38.5 billion, would be for food programs, including food stamps, school lunches, and special nutrition for women, infants and children.

The department expects to spend \$9 billion on crop subsidies during fiscal 1995. That's down from an estimated \$12 billion, "reflecting expected improvement in market conditions, reduced disaster payments associated with an assumed return to more normal weather for the 1994 crops," according to the document accompanying the president's budget proposal.

"Agriculture has been a victim of this in the past," said Marlyn Jorgensen, a Garrison

farmer serving on the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation's income study committee.

The government is projecting farmers' income will be higher in 1994 because, with zero set-aside acres this year, they will raise more crops and take advantage of the current higher prices, he said. Historically, prices don't stay high, and a normal growing season will create large carry-overs, which depress prices.

"We'll be back in the same rut," Jorgensen said.

The budget assumptions are based on no changes in the crop subsidy programs; a reorganization plan that would reduce the number of USDA agencies from 43 to 29, and the consolidation and closing of more than 1,100 county offices to create a system of 2,500 field office service centers.

As expected, the proposal calls for major crop insurance reform. Legislation will be proposed that would provide basic catastrophic crop insurance available free of charge, except for a \$50 processing fee, to all farmers. The coverage would be

based on 50 percent of normal yield with eligible losses reimbursed at 60 percent of the expected price. Producers participating in federal crop subsidy programs would be required to purchase the insurance. Higher levels of coverage would continue to be available, but only through private companies.

Iowa's Secretary of Agriculture Dale Cochran questioned the timing of the cuts in farm support programs in view of waterlogged Iowa farms, which last year had the smallest corn harvest since 1983, the lowest soybean production since 1976.

There also were questions about the farm budget cuts from Iowa's two U.S. senators.

Democrat Tom Harkin, who praised Clinton for a "get-tough budget," still said he was concerned about proposed reductions in farm research. Republican Charles Grassley said it was unfair to ask farmers to tighten their belts "while Clinton promotes budget increases for the USDA bureaucracy in Washington."

IOWA POPULATION

	1990 Census	1992 Estimate	Percent Change		1990 Census	1992 Estimate	Percent Change
IOWA CITIES				SELECTED IOWA COUNTIES			
Des Moines	193,187	194,540	0.7	Allamakee	13,855	13,814	-0.3
Cedar Rapids	108,751	111,659	2.7	Benton	22,429	22,686	1.1
Davenport	95,333	97,508	2.3	Buchanan	20,844	20,940	0.5
Sioux City	80,505	81,907	1.7	Cedar	17,381	17,567	1.1
Waterloo	66,467	67,124	1.0	Cerro Gordo	46,733	46,812	0.2
Iowa City	59,738	59,313	-0.7	Clayton	19,054	18,735	-1.7
Dubuque	57,546	58,575	1.8	Clinton	51,040	51,152	0.2
IOWA METRO AREAS				Delaware	18,035	18,310	1.5
Des Moines (Polk, Warren, Dallas)	392,926	406,404	3.4	Fayette	21,843	21,755	-0.4
Davenport (Quad Cities)	350,861	356,196	1.5	Iowa	14,830	14,690	0.4
Cedar Rapids (Linn)	168,767	172,892	2.4	Jackson	19,950	19,983	0.2
Waterloo (Black Hawk)	123,798	125,395	1.3	Jones	19,444	19,730	1.5
Sioux City (Woodbury)	115,018	117,111	1.8	Keokuk	11,624	11,563	-0.5
Iowa City (Johnson)	96,119	97,546	1.5	Louisa	11,592	11,400	-1.7
Dubuque (Dubuque)	86,403	87,215	0.9	Marshall	38,276	37,698	-1.5
				Muscatine	39,907	40,838	2.3
				Poweshiek	19,033	18,950	-0.4
				Tama	17,419	17,329	-0.5
				Washington	19,612	20,056	2.3
				Winnebago	20,847	21,050	1.0
				IOWA	2,776,755	2,802,944	0.9

Source: Census Bureau

Population: Most larger Iowa cities show growth

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been corrected, Henning said.

"That's going to make some people mad because there were a number of towns in Iowa that appealed their census counts and they went through a pretty painful process," she said. "But the people who work in the estimates office chose not to use those counts."

Mike Batutis, who works at the bureau's estimates branch in Maryland, said Monday that federal workers didn't have time to put the corrected census counts into their computers in time for the latest figures.

The Census Bureau's 1993 estimate for Iowa shows its overall population increased by 0.4 percent from 2,803,000 in 1992 to 2,814,000 in 1993. In 1988, the Census Bureau predicted that

Iowa would continue to lose residents through the end of the century.

Other than Iowa City, Iowa's larger cities all showed growth (see charts). The Des Moines metropolitan area, which includes three counties, led metro areas with a 3.4 percent growth to 406,404. Des Moines proper grew less than one percent to 194,540.

The Cedar Rapids metro area (Linn County) grew 2.4 percent to 172,892. The Iowa City metro area (Johnson County) was up 1.5 percent to 97,546.

Ames, Marshalltown and Grinnell also showed losses, according to Census estimates. Ames dropped the most — 526 to 46,672. During that two-year period, Iowa State University en-

rollment declined from 23,703 to 23,544.

Cedar Falls gained 796 people in the two years, growing to 35,094. In that time, enrollment at the University of Northern Iowa rose from 11,153 to 12,207.

New population figures for other Linn county towns are: Albion, 465, up 9; Center Point, 1,810, up 117; Central City, 1,084, up 21; Coggon, 707, up 62; Ely, 456, down 20; Fairfax, 797, up 17; Palo, 527, up 13; Prairieburg, 1,362, up 2; and Walker, 746, up 73.

(A complete list of population estimates for Eastern Iowa cities will be published in The Sunday Gazette.)

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

Murder: Victim had minor criminal record

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take a motel room when he was in town.

He had at least a minor recent criminal record that included two convictions for domestic assault and one for public intoxication in Black Hawk County in the last two years, according to court records.

Moyle said Chambers had shown up the emergency room of Mercy Medical Center on Jan. 6 suffering from stab wounds. The wounds were minor enough that Chambers was treated at the hospital and released, but they were serious enough that hospital staff called police. But Chambers had nothing to say to police, said Moyle.

Chambers' relatives in Waterloo had no official comment last night, saying in a phone call that they did not want his life "all twisted to say what you want to say."

Monday's murder came just two houses from the intersection of 15th Street and Fifth Avenue SE, one of the more active spots for crime in Cedar Rapids.

The intersection was one of three singled out last year by the Wellington Heights Neighborhood Association as among the best sites for placement of "Crime Watch" signs that boast,

"We Call Police."

Fifth Avenue and 15th Street SE also was the location of a shooting Dec. 1 that landed two 18-year-olds in jail on terrorism charges. And the intersection was the spot where another 18-year-old was arrested in August after firing shots into the side of an empty car.

Still, the man who was a half a block away from Monday's shooting called the area peaceful on a typical winter morning.

"Usually you can hear ice crack on the limbs that time of the morning, it's that quiet then," said the witness, whose name is being withheld to protect him against retaliation.

The witness was out and about in the 1500 block of Fifth Avenue SE about 4:45 a.m. when he noticed that his car was not the only one operating on Fifth Avenue SE at that time of day.

At first he thought nothing of the other car, stopped in the street, its headlights shining in his direction. But a man's shout and a single gunshot changed all that.

The witness, who was on a porch a half block away, heard the shot and looked down the street only to see that the car that had been there had disappeared. One man was standing

over a second, who was lying on the sidewalk in the snow.

The witness said he could not identify either a suspect or a car because it was dark and he was too far away at the time of the shooting.

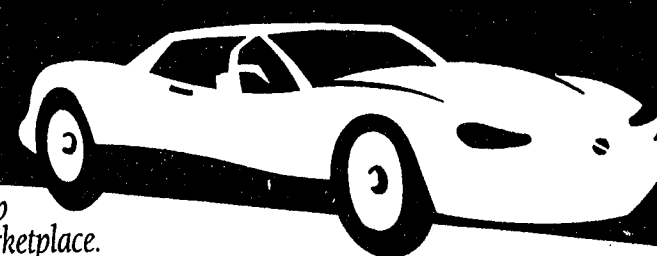

The witness could only describe the man who had been standing over the victim as about 5 foot, 10 inches tall and weighing about 160 to 170 pounds.

"He was a dark, gray figure standing there," the witness said.

Monday's shooting did little to unnerve the witness, who spoke of other shootings near his home last summer.

"If I was going to run at every little gunshot that went on, I'd be running most of my life," he philosophized. "I just wish people would stop trying to kill each other. It doesn't do any good."

Cedar Rapids had three murders in 1993. It has had two in the first five weeks of this year. The first was the ambush killing of mail carrier Gloria Heising. Her one-time lover, Ronald Downs Sr., has been charged with first-degree murder in that case.




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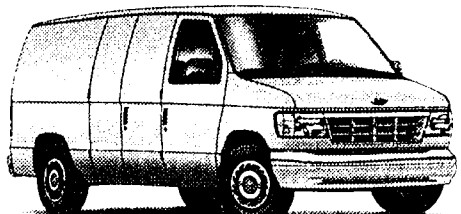
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